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Quake toll continues

"He's still not able to sleep at night, and falls asleep at embarrassing times of the day."

"We're still trying to get estimates. The contractors themselves seem to be overwhelmed."

"The correspondence that's come from all over the country has made us aware that we are part of the UCC in a way that we were never aware of before."

The earthquake which rocked southern California January 17 was only the first stage of this disaster. Thousands of families now face the painful process of reordering their lives while reliving the quake, experiencing trauma and even paralysis.

The Congregational United Church of Christ, Chatsworth, sustained the greatest damage of nine UCC buildings affected. Members, already carrying a mortgage, are looking at estimates of up to $100,000 to repair the sanctuary. Thousands have already been spent to prevent its fall during an aftershock.

Pastor Jeff Utter said the situation is "not hopeless, but everything's up for grabs at this point." The 55-member congregation is considering a whole array of options, including merger with another church. In addition to the physical losses, the church faces the loss of some members who are so traumatized they plan to move out of the state.

Money and offers of help from the wider UCC "has been just wonderful." Worship (in fellowship hall) is actually

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Praising God after the quake at Congregational UCC, Chatsworth, CA

Back-to-back meetings set

The 185th UCBWM Annual Meeting will be held immediately before the Faith Works 1994 event at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. With the theme "Led By the Spirit," the Annual Meeting will convene June 30 at 2 p.m. and end on July 2 at 12:30 p.m. Faith Works begins that same day and ends July 6.

Installation of the UCBWM's new Executive Vice President David Hirano will be held Friday evening, July 1. The UCBWM will coordinate three Faith Works forums. The forums and their leaders are "The Church and Immigration," Mary Kuenning; "Interfaith Relations," Dale Bishop; and "Kairos: Moments of Truth, Grace and Challenge," Dan Romero.

Faith Works speakers will include Mortimer Arias, Methodist bishop and author once imprisoned by the Bolivian government who has taught at the Claremont School of Theology and the Latin American Biblical Seminary in Costa Rica. Also leading a conversation will be former general secretary of the Council of Churches in Kenya, Samuel Kobia, who is now the executive director of the World Council of Churches' Justice, Peace and Creation Unit.

The following missionaries are expected to be in attendance at both events. From Africa: Geraldine Abbott and Allen and Judy Myrick, Zimbabwe; Jane Ellefson, Ghana; Lawrence and Carol Gilley and Ruth Minter, Mozambique; and Charles and Gaby Hein, Kenya. Middle East: Johannes and Sylvia Meyer, Turkey. East Asia/Pacific: Susan Adams, Japan; Thomas and Carol Montgomery-Fate, Matthew Ramsay and Gregory Butchart, the Philippines; and Jack and Lydia Johnson-Hill, Fiji. Southern Asia: Myles and Barbara Walburn, Nepal; Joanne Redding, India. Latin America/Caribbean: Holly Stovall, Argentina; Alison Buttrick, Chile.

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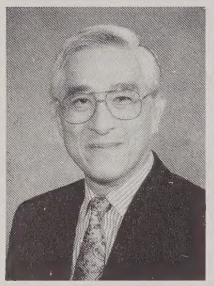

In common

by David Hirano

At the March meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Church Board for World Ministries (UCBWM), it was voted to recommend to the Corporation of the UCBWM a proposal for a Common Global Ministries Board. The vote was nearly unanimous.

At the same time, the Board of Directors of the Division of Overseas Ministries (DOM) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) met and unanimously voted to adopt this proposal and to recommend it to the Disciples' General Board.

It was a high moment in our life together.

As I have circulated in different parts of the United Church of Christ, I have found some misunderstandings about the proposal. One of them is that this is a merger. It is not. The UCBWM and the DOM will remain discrete denominational institutions.

The adoption of the proposal by the Corporation and the General Board would set into place "a common policy board. It would create policy for our common ministry." All our regional/area work is done in common, or jointly. A board member from each denomination sits on the other's board. The staff members have to attend both board meetings. The Common Global Ministries Board would make life simpler for the staff and the boards.

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Another misunderstanding is that all the money which is held by the UCBWM and the DOM, respectively, will be combined. That is not so. While the income from unrestricted legacies will be used by the Common Global Ministries Board, each will keep what is necessary to perform the respective denominational responsibilities—and bequests will be honored.

Another concern is that local churches will not give because they believe that the UCBWM's ministry will be watered down. That is not so. What the Common Global Ministries Board will do is widen the reach of the UCBWM into all the world. For instance, the UCBWM has no ministry in Zaire. The Disciples do, and their ministry will become our ministry.

The common work of the UCBWM and the DOM began in 1967. The Joint Long Range Planning Committee has been at the task of creating the Common Global Ministries Board for at least four years.

The new board will take even more seriously the input of global partners—it will have on its board six persons representing the six regions which are now served. These persons will be full voting members of the Common Global Ministries Board. This action would bring us closer to the objective of being equal companions in God's mission.

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It was significant that these votes were taken at my first meeting of the Board of Directors as the Executive Vice President. While the Corporation still needs to vote on this proposal, my hope is that our action will signal how seriously we have taken the prayer of Jesus, "That they all may be one."

(See Common Global Ministries Board feature on history and structure, pages 6-7.)

UMN celebrates 40th

The United Mission to Nepal (UMN), a UCBWM partner, recently celebrated its 40th anniversary, highlighted by a worldwide day of prayer for Nepal on March 6.

The organization was started in 1954 with the establishment of a mission hospital in Tansen, and grew out of the united effort of mission agencies and churches around the world. Serving at Tansen Hospital today for the UCBWM and the Disciples' Division of Overseas Ministries (DOM) are Dr. Keith and June Fleshman. Also serving the UCBWM/DOM in Nepal are Nancy Molin, director of the Andhi Khola electrical project in Kathmandu, and the Rev. Myles and Barbara Walburn. Myles, who serves as treasurer of the UMN, was previously treasurer of the UCBWM.

The UMN and the Nepali Church (whose right to exist was not recognized until 1990) have always maintained separate organizational identities by mutual agreement. This has enabled the church to develop its own theology and leadership, and has enabled the UMN to focus on its Christian ministry. UMN Executive Director Edgar Metzler suggests that in the future UMN will not be the United Mission to Nepal, but the United Mission in Nepal—something done in partnership with Nepalis.

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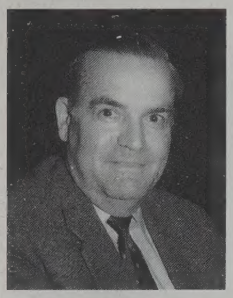
Around the Region: Europe

By the Rev. Kenneth R. Ziebell



Among the first personnel actions of the new Joint Ministry of the UCBWM and the Disciples in Europe (see *Whole Earth Newsletter*, Winter 1994) was the appointment of Kenneth Henderson and Christine Woods-Henderson for service with the Baptist Church in Kazakhstan. Although the location and the overseas partner involved are both firsts for the UCBWM, the real significance of this move is its symbolism of the way in which we are committed to function in relation to churches in the formerly communist nations of eastern Europe—including the former Soviet Union.

This is an issue of deep concern, because U.S. churches continue to be confronted with aggressive appeals for support of evangelistic activities based on a very different philosophy of mission. These efforts are being made by people spending sizeable amounts of money to fund Christianity—more specifically, their own brand of Western-oriented, conservative, Protestant Christianity—in areas where other traditions have flourished for centuries.

It is well known that, under communism, Christians in these nations suffered great repression and discrimination. It is also true that many have been carrying on their work in spite of all obstacles. In some cases there has been weak compromise, but for the most part their ministries have been done very creatively—even heroically—while maintaining a remarkable level of faithfulness.

In other words, this was no "religious desert"—the image portrayed by Western evangelistic organizations which began sending "missionaries" immediately following communism's collapse. In so doing they acted as if the Christian faith had never been known in these countries. They continue to demonstrate no sensitivity to existing churches, or even awareness of their existence. In addition, their work competes with that of the existing churches, already severely weakened by decades of oppression.

We have been in relationship with these existing, long-suffering churches through all the difficult years of communist rule. Now they are urgently appealing to us to stop affluent Western missionaries from coming to confuse, divide and take advantage of their struggling new nations. It is a request we, obviously, find ourselves somewhat powerless to fulfill.

Still, the UCBWM and other denominations and partners are firmly committed to working to build up the existing churches. There is no doubt that the new socio-political situation offers exceptional new opportunities for service and witness which had long been denied them.

The Hendersons' appointment, one new way to give expression to our policy, was initiated by the Presbyterian Church (USA) which felt that joint sponsorship with the Disciples and the UCC would give added support to this principle. Even as we continue to seek more such opportunities, through the Hendersons and the Baptist Church in Kazakhstan we have a new and direct channel to extend our witness to an exceptionally interesting part of the world.

A total of 25 UCC and Disciples-related personnel now serve in the Europe region, the largest number in the United Kingdom where two Disciples and eight UCC pastors serve in parishes of our partner, the United Reformed Church. Others are serving in a variety of significant ministries in France, Germany, Poland, Romania and Russia. All contribute to our mission of sharing with European partners in their effort to work through this time of challenging transition and new opportunity.

Around the Region *is a new column to help increase reader understanding of the overseas mission—partners, personnel and program—of the UCC and the Disciples. For further information about this article or related issues, contact Ken Ziebell at the UCBWM-DOM Europe Office, 475 Riverside Dr., 16th Floor, New York, NY 10115-0109.*

CWS Hotline: Call **1-800/456-1310** for a recorded message about Church World Service disaster response activities.

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"more fun," with members sitting in circles and being closer together, Utter said. But the quake has taken its toll in other ways. "We had scheduled a retreat at church camp but I've not been able to get enough people to go now. Part of the reason is that they're still preoccupied with the quake and what that's meant to them personally."

To date Chatsworth has received about $23,000 in assistance from various sources, plus $8,000 from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries to shore up its sanctuary.

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The California Conference Office reported that about $60,000 has been received from churches, individuals, Conferences and One Great Hour of Sharing. Linda Petrucelli, secretary for the Global Sharing of Resources Office which dispenses OGHS funds, reported $22,000 in OGHS monies and directed gifts has been sent for quake aid through the Conference and Church World Service.

"I cannot emphasize enough that generous response to OGHS provides the basis for our immediate response when disaster occurs," Petrucelli said.

Jackie Brown, interim pastor at Northridge UCC, said neither she nor associate pastor Anne Cohen were in the valley at the time of the quake. "We're ready to move on, but we're developing a new awareness almost every day from folk who are simply overwhelmed and cannot get at the essentials like the paperwork that's involved in getting emergency money," she said. "Many of our elderly simply can't get focused. Many folks have not gone back into their bedrooms to sleep."

She also reported that a recent story on insurance companies in the Los Angeles Times put the amount of damage from this quake "at the top of all disasters," outstripping even the Midwest flooding. The pastors agreed that media attention to the quake has been lacking in proportion.

Northridge, with an average worship

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Disaster response

OGHS receipts and special gifts have made possible the following disaster aid since January 1, 1994. (Figures in parentheses are disbursed from contributions for specific needs; the others are from OGHS.)

Africa region

- $4,000, Church World Service (CWS), for victims of Madagascar cyclones Daisy and Geralda
- ($1,000), David Grogan, UCBWM missionary to Zambia, for purchase of blankets for Kafue Secondary School students
- ($3,300), Presbyterian Church of East Africa for blankets for Chogoria Hospital, Kenya
- ($8,861), CWS, renewed appeal for Ethiopia famine/drought

East Asia/Pacific region

- $2,000, CWS, Philippines disaster relief following severe storms and volcanic activity

Europe region

- ($7,242), CWS, former Yugoslavia emergency appeal

Latin America/Caribbean region

- $3,000, CWS, Mexico, indigenous displaced persons
- $2,500, CWS, Colombia/Peru violence appeal

Worldwide

- ($10,000), Missouri Conference UCC, flood relief coordinator
- ($7,000), Southern California Conference UCC, earthquake victims
- ($10,000), CWS, California earthquake victims
- ($15,000), CWS Immigration and Refugee Program for Haitians affected by Hurricane Andrew
- $2,500, CWS, West Virginia storms and floods
- ($1,068), Truth/Image of God Wellness Center, Los Angeles, CA, for shelter, feeding programs, rehabilitation through recyling
- ($1,000), CWS, New Jersey pipeline explosion

Disaster training/response

- $2,255, training for disaster response consultants

Churches, councils discuss uprising

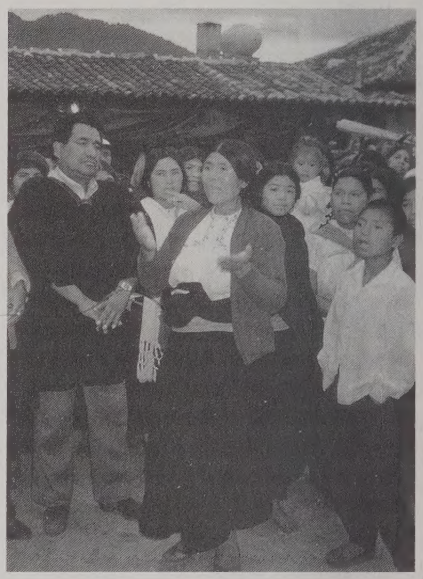
Delegations representing four councils of churches visited Mexico February 9-14 to discuss an uprising which erupted in the state of Chiapas on New Year's Day 1994—just as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was taking effect.

Delegates were responding to a call from Protestant churches in Mexico to stand with them and report on human rights violations, and also to an invitation from the diocese of San Cristóbal de las Casas, the center of the uprising, to participate in the peace process with the international ecumenical community. After 10 days of struggle, the government declared a unilateral truce, later declaring total amnesty for all involved. Government figures put the number of deaths from the confrontation at 90; church officials believe the number is about 400.

As a result of their visit, delegation members outlined four actions. They are using all means possible to tell their member churches what they saw and heard in Chiapas; to continue to be in solidarity and stand beside those who are suffering, trying to ensure that those expelled from their communities will be a part of the peace process; to appeal to councils and member churches to send letters asking for genuine dialogue between all parties concerned; and to initiate an immediate humanitarian appeal to meet the basic needs of the indigenous people.

The delegates found the Mexican people shaken by the uprising, but "encouraged and hopeful that the processes for peace will achieve substantive changes on the structural level which will result in justice for all—particularly for the most dispossessed and marginalized indigenous brothers and sisters." Delegates were from the World Council of Churches, National Council of Churches of Christ/USA, the Latin America Council of Churches and the Council of Evangelical Methodist Churches in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Chiapas is a state in southern Mexico where hundreds of armed peasants seized San Cristóbal de las Casas and three other Mexican towns in attacks timed to coincide with NAFTA's implementation. The Zapatista Army of National Liberation declared war on the Mexican government in the name of the country's impoverished Indians. The Zapatistas are believed to number about 15,000, but represent a movement for justice and democracy which is expanding throughout the country.



Indigenous woman tells her story

A key prerequisite for Mexico's participation in NAFTA was President Salinas de Gortari's National Program for Modernizing the Countryside, the purpose of which is to introduce free market concepts in order to integrate the country's largely subsistence-based rural population into the global economy. One part of this program was the repeal of a constitutional ban on the sale of communal lands—a protection won by campesinos in the 1910-17 revolution. Government subsidies to corporate farmers who control the export market and who bring income into Mexico are also included. The government will not, however, support those who cannot compete in the global economy.

It is felt that the government's decisions will displace millions of small landowners by forcing them to sell their plots to commercial enterprises—many of them foreign. Mexico's accession to NAFTA has accelerated this process.

Raquel Rodriguez, program assistant for the Common Ministry in Latin America and the Caribbean Office of the UCBWM and the Christian Church's Disciples of Christ, Division of Overseas Ministry, was a part of the delegation.

How We See It From Here

Sister church folk meet at St. Job's Church, St. Petersburg, Russia

St. Job's Church in St. Petersburg, Russia, *an Orthodox parish, is a sister church to the Lakewood United Church of Christ in St. Petersburg, Florida. In a letter to a delegation of Florida church members who visited his parish, Archpriest Fyodor Markovich illustrates the value of a global partnership in action.*

For more than five years close ties of friendship have joined our parishes as a result of ecumenical contacts between our churches. We are happy for this visit and for the sharing of prayers and conversations with us. . . .

The mission of the church consists in the understanding of the mystery of the cross of Christ, and in the overcoming—with the help of the cross—personal self-love, social exclusivity and narrow-mindedness. Christ's cross, His suffering and compassion, His love—this is what can regenerate and renew people, and can really help all who are poor or who are suffering.

Our mission must begin with those who are situated on the edge of society, those who are poor and who are suffering, who are the victims of society. Such purposes and tasks are pressing issues for the Russian Orthodox Church, in particular our parish, just as they are for the United Church of Christ, being inherent in the nature of our churches. May God help us in these endeavors!

Elvira Arndt, of the Evangelical Congregational Church of Argentina, *serves as a south-to-south missionary in Ecuador, where she ministers to indigenous people and their descendants at the Pastocalle and Ascazubi rural congregations.*

We still have to struggle with the vandalism and ignorance of people who reject our work out of fear and mistrust. In Ascazubi a church window was broken and everything—absolutely everything we had inside—was taken and possibly burned. After this incident we had to celebrate our worship service on the floor. But thank God that the few faithful we have there were not intimidated, and with a great deal of sacrifice but also a great deal of love they constructed new pews.

A young man, Julio, who accepted Christ in his life, is being persecuted by his own family. They burned his Bible in front of him, so he now secretly reads another one we gave him, on a hill near his house.

Alison Stendahl, *who teaches in Istanbul, Turkey, and is also involved in Muslim-Christian dialogue there, went on retreat in South Africa and in a recent letter compares the work of the UCBWM in both countries.*

I see one huge difference and challenge. Our work in South Africa has a partner church and fellow Christians with whom we can share a common language, experience and hope. In Turkey, the situation is quite different in that we have no partner church. The concept of partnership has been and will continue to be a struggle for us, yet a positive challenge where the the bulk of our current work is with Muslims. We are in partnership, for example, with the Health and Education Foundation, which has picked up more of the leadership in the running and maintenance of our schools and hospital.

The people currently involved with this partnership are Turkish Muslims, who for the most part were educated in our schools. Their orientation is western and they are sensitive to the current atmosphere brought about by increased Islamic militancy with Turkey and throughout the world. Spiritual matters remain a touchy subject for most of them, as does religious language and imagery, yet our past missionary presence has been acknowledged by these partners as valuable and unique. In fact, at one meeting one man exclaimed, "God bless the missionaries!" I had to smile to myself when hearing a comment like this, thinking what the Muslim extremists would do with such a comment. Of course, he was referring to the years of self-sacrificing service and love given over the past century.

As we begin on a more serious level to work on a common vision and on common ethical principles, a different language may be used. In this process, I wonder if some of the importance of this partnership is the providing of an environment and freedom to explore sincerely and safely what God means in all our lives, with no political overtones or repercussions. I see this as one of the challenges of such a partnership. I pray that other partnerships will evolve as our work continues here, partnerships that are not afraid of putting God's presence in the center of decision making.

Partnership

People to people
Place to place
Face to face
Faith to faith

— Terry Provance

A Proposal for Structure:

For almost 30 years the United Church Board for World Ministries (UCBWM) and the Division of Overseas Ministries (DOM) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have been engaged in discussions about and actual joint administration of overseas mission work.

History of Our Joint Work

1965	Early discussions on "joint action and possible administrative merger of the agencies."
1967	Establishment of a Joint Southern Asia Office with shared staff in New York and Indianapolis.
1968	Joint Office for Latin America established.
1971	Joint Office for Latin America discontinued.
1980	Joint Office for Middle East established with one executive in New York.
1987	Evaluation of Joint Offices for Southern Asia and Middle East conducted.
1989	Common Ministry in Latin America and the Caribbean established with one executive and shared staff in Indianapolis and New York.
1990	Cooperative ministry begins in East Asia and the Pacific. Joint UCBWM/DOM Long Range Planning Committee begins coordinated effort for the development of common ministry for the future.
1992	Establishment of Mission Personnel Office with one executive and shared staff in Indianapolis and New York. Joint Ministry in Africa moves to one executive and shared staff in Indianapolis and New York. DOM staff colleague joins World Ministries in the U.S. staff team.
1993	UCBWM Office for World Ministries in the U.S. resources Disciples regions and congregations in establishing special partner relationshps.
1994	Joint Office for East Asia and the Pacific with one executive and shared staff in Indianapolis and New York. Joint Office for Europe with one executive in New York. UCBWM and DOM Boards of Directors vote to approve Proposed Structure for Common Global Ministries Board and refer to appropriate decision-making bodies.

Q: What is the Common Global Ministries Board (CGMB)?

A: The Common Global Ministries Board (CGMB) will be a **common policy-making board** for the UCBWM and DOM. It is needed to ease the flow of work by already jointly shared executives who serve both churches for our ministries in Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Middle East, Southeast Asia and Southern Asia. It will avoid duplication of some costs, simplify relationships for our overseas partners, and make better use of both the human and financial resources of the UCC and the Disciples. It is also a witness to our Christian unity and cooperation.

Q: How did the CGMB come about?

A: As far back as 1967 the UCBWM and DOM have shared work. Over the years, cooperation has grown and both denominations have tried to be wise stewards in tough economic times. We have been living out the votes by the General Synod and General Assembly in 1989 which affirmed a strong sense of mission and made a deliberate commitment for our two churches **"to engage in mission together, wherever and whenever possible."**

In 1990, a Joint Long Range Planning Committee was formed to bring recommendatons for more efficient working together. This group considered the general theological principles of our mission. They drafted a **Vision of Global Mission** and identified five **Guiding Principles**. This was approved by both boards of directors.

The **vision** is

- to shared life in Christ, and;
- to an ecumenical global sharing of resources and prophetic vision of a just and peaceful world order, joining with God's concern for the poor and oppressed.

The **Guiding Principles** for our common work:

1. Within covenantal bonds with other partner churches and ecumenical bodies throughout the world, we commit ourselves in Christ to share life, resources and needs.

2. As part of the ecumenical church and in response to particular historical and geographical contexts, we affirm our commitment to share persons in mission.

3. We commit ourselves to discovering and sharing exciting new ways to sing the song of faith . . . hearing, telling and participating in the story of God's love in Jesus Christ.

4. Relying upon God's grace, we commit ourselves to share in God's healing of God's continuing creation.

5. Recognizing the freedom of God's Spirit to act in diverse ways, we commit ourselves to engage in dialogue, witness and common cause with people of other faiths and movements with whom we share a vision of peace, justice and the integrity of creation.

Q: What will happen to the UCBWM Board of Directors and the UCBWM Corporation?

A: Nothing will happen to the UCBWM Corporation. A UCBWM Board of Directors will continue to exist and will keep its responsibilities and relationships with UCC

constituencies. Twenty people elected by the Corporation will make up the UCBWM Board of Directors (currently it numbers 48) and they will be the UCBWM representatives to the CGMB. Business that is UCC-specific will be done by the UCBWM Board alone; common policy decisions with the DOM will be done by the CGMB.

Q: What will the structure be?

A: Simply, it's 20 + 20 + 6. Twenty UCC, twenty Disciples and six overseas partners. These six overseas representatives will be full voting directors and their participation will reflect our commitment to mutuality and partnership in all aspects of our global witness, including decision making.

Our partners affirm our direction:

- When the Common Ministry in Latin America and the Caribbean was established in 1989, Dr. Dale Bisnaugh, Associate General Secretary of the Caribbean Conference of Churches described it as a "bold step that makes partnership in mission real and meaningful."
- When overseas partners were present for a joint meeting of the DOM and UCBWM Boards of Directors in November 1992, Gaddam Solomon from the Church of South India reminded those present that when the Church of South India was being created in 1947, we encouraged that coming together. He challenged us to follow our own advice. The CGMB represents an important witness of unity to our partners.

It is expected that the board will meet two times annually (which the UCBWM Board currently does). Each meeting will include time for the separate UCBWM and DOM board agendas, specific joint committee work, and involvement in geographical area committees. Each board still will be responsible and accountable for all actions to the wider United Church of Christ and Disciples churches.

Q: So what happens to our mission dollars?

A: All designated and restricted funds will, of course, be respected and observed, and the treasury and general administration functions of each mission unit will be separate. Other monies will go to a common budget, out of which missionary salaries, program support, grants for evangelism, health, development and educational ministries of partners, etc., will be funded.

Q: Will we in congregations feel even farther from our mission work?

A: No. In fact, we recognize that congregations need and want to feel part of the work we share together. A closer relationship to congregations and Conferences is essential with or without the CGMB—and the UCBWM and DOM are committed to this.

Guiding Principle #3 commits us to seeking new and better ways to communicate the story of God's love in the world and our participation in God's mission. A common witness in this and in other areas of our work holds the promise of revitalizing the witness of both of our churches.

In addition, working together opens new opportunities for understanding and participating in God's mission around the world. For example, through our work with the Disciples, we now have connections with the church in Zaire.

Q: Will we still have missionaries and do the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

A: Yes. Mission always happens through people. Guiding Principle #2 expresses our commitment to "share persons in mission."

We will send and receive missionaries who will continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through preaching, teaching and service. We also will continue to work with our brothers and sisters in other ways to support their Christian witness and service in their own countries.

Q: Why should I care about how people in New York, Cleveland and Indianapolis are doing this?

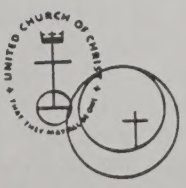
A: Because mission is part of the one fabric of our shared life in Jesus Christ. What we do in Keokuk, Iowa, and what we do in Kenya is one witness. We are mutually accountable to one another—but we also need mutual encouragement and prayer.

Q: When will it all happen?

A: If approved by the UCBWM corporate members at their Annual Meeting in June 1994 and by the Disciples' General Board in July 1994 and General Assembly in October 1995, the Common Global Ministries Board would be implemented in January 1996. Note: If voted by the UCBWM corporate members, the proposal would be conveyed to General Synod and blessing sought in the summer of 1995.

Q: What do I do if I have more questions about this Common Global Ministries Board?

A: Write to David Y. Hirano, Executive Vice President, United Church Board for World Ministries, at 700 Prospect Ave., Sixth Floor, Cleveland, OH 44115. He would like to hear from you.



NEW RESOURCES: Africa, child advocacy, global sermons

"The practice of particular groups feeling that they and only they have this or that right is tearing our whole world apart. Whether it is tribalism and apartheid in Africa, nationalism and racism in Europe, castism in Asia or Zionism in the Middle East, it is still the problem of 'we' and 'they.' "

"We need Christians at the highest levels of national policy-making establishments. . . . It is righteousness that exalts a nation."

These quotes are from the new Friendship Press study resource **African Churches Speak**, titled *Claiming the Promise.* The writings in this volume (from African church leaders) are the product of church dialogue in Africa that is taking place at many different levels, reflecting a continent full of faith and struggle. A study guide is also included.

Other resources include a 23 x 35 inch map of Africa based on the Peters Projection, several videos, and children's books. An economics mystery, *A Trade in Death*, is a clever introduction to African economics and culture that will also appeal to mystery buffs.

The children's resource, *Lodu's Escape*, is the tale of a Sudanese boy who experiences death, danger, famine and being a refugee in his own land. In *African Youth Speak*, young people from different parts of Africa speak out about difficult issues they face, and share their faith and feelings about the church. A leader's guide, songs and activity suggestions are included.

Rounding out the Africa study are sets of African art cards and Christmas cards. The unique, full-color postcards are reproductions of original batiks from Uganda and a butterfly-wing collage from West Africa.

Child advocacy . . .

Also available from Friendship Press are resources on **"Making the World Safe for Children."** *Welcome the Child, A Child Advocacy Guide for Churches,* is an expanded version of the groundbreaking Children's Defense Fund book. It teaches how to make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable of God's creation.

A 24-minute video, *Welcoming the Child* (study guide included), shows how churches have partnered with others to address the urgent needs of children.

Children Hungering for Justice explores hunger and human rights from a child's perspective, with step-by-step instructions for leading grades K-4, 5-8 and 9-12. In it, stories of children in the streets of Brazil, the basements of Lebanon and the jails of South Africa put a human face on global issues.

African partners in mission . . .

Far From the Headlines, Close to the Heart is a 13-minute video that looks at the ministries of our partners in southern Africa, particularly Swaziland, which we support through the Disciples' Week of Compassion and the UCC's One Great Hour of Sharing. Discussion questions are included.

It may be borrowed from your Conference Resource Center or a member of the UCBWM Board of Directors, or purchased from United Church Resources (800/325-7061) for $10 plus shipping and handling.

From the Africa Office . . .

"God, what kind of world is this that the adult people are going to leave for us children? There is fighting everywhere, and they tell us we live in a time of peace."

This excerpt from "A Child's Prayer from Liberia" is part of the booklet, "A Guide for Religious Celebrations of the African Child and of African-American Children" included in a packet called **Day of the African Child** from UNICEF. The packet includes information on children in Africa that can be used in study and worship contexts. The packets are free of charge (one per church). There is no restriction on reproducing any of the material.

To obtain a packet, which includes a number of other resources such as a brief review of UCC ministries with African children, the Church World Service "Facts Have Faces" sheet and portraits of the lives of African children, contact the Joint Ministry in Africa Office at 222 S. Downey Ave., P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206, 317/353-1491.

From the WMUS Office . . .

Last year the World Ministries in the U.S. program of the UCC and the Disciples sponsored a global sermon and essay contest. The best 25 sermons were selected for the book ***Cross Culture***, which is now available from the WMUS Office at $8 each postpaid. Send check payable to the UCBWM to WMUS Office, 700 Prospect Ave., 6th Floor, Cleveland, OH 44115.

Visiting scholar program openings

Persons pursuing research in the fields of theology/ethics and public policy, who may have a sabbatical or research grant, may apply for a position as Visiting Scholar in the Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy, Washington, D.C. The Center receives support from the UCBWM's Global Education and Advocacy Office.

Projects should be consistent with the purposes and goals of the Churches' Center. The Center's prime areas of concern are peacemaking and disarmament; urban policy; economic justice; racial, ethnic and women's rights; poverty and hunger; and ecological integrity.

Details are available from Dr. James Nash, Executive Director, 4500 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016, 202/885-9100.

Faith in Action

"Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." — 1 John 3:18

In mid-January Dale Bishop, UCBWM-DOM secretary for the Middle East, received a call from an Iranian Christian who lives in the United States and works with the Presbyterian Church (USA). The call concerned an Assemblies of God pastor in Iran, the Rev. Mehdi Dibaj, who had been convicted in an Iranian court on the charge of apostasy, and was sentenced to be executed. Pastor Dibaj had converted to Christianity 45 years prior!

Bishop made a public plea for Dibaj's safety on a Voice of America radio broadcast. Along with a number of spokespersons from other denominations, he also FAXed an urgent letter to the Iranian Mission to the United Nations (the Mission serves as Iran's "representative" to the U.N., since the U.S. has not had formal relations with Iran since the hostage crisis). As it happened, Bishop had met the Iranian Ambassador, Kamal Kharrazi, on two previous occasions, once in Iran and once in the U.S.

The next day, church folk who had FAXed messages of protest received an official press release stating that Dibaj was out on bail, and that there was no intention of executing him. It was also learned, however, that the man who had provided information for this court case (the Rev. Haik Hovsepian-Mehr, also an Assemblies of God pastor) had been abducted by an unknown group. His body was found later.

Once again Bishop communicated with Ambassador Kharrazi to ask for a thorough investigation. The ambassador subsequently reported that a man had been arrested for having killed the pastor, that the government of Iran was highly embarrassed by what had happened, and was still investigating.

Out of this conversation there came a later visit to the Middle East Office by the person second in command at the Iranian Mission, who has proposed a dialogue between American Christians and Iranian Muslims. "We're now waiting for them to respond," Bishop said. "I know there is a great deal of interest on the part of various Protestant communions. But their ability to get someone admitted to the U.S. for such a purpose is a problem when (our countries) don't have diplomatic relations."

"Faith in Action" is a new feature which highlights situations where our education and advocacy work has borne fruit. Comments or inquiries about this feature may be addressed to Bishop at the UCBWM/DOM Middle East Office, 475 Riverside Drive, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10115-0109, phone 212/870-2835.

Reflections on a rice/curry sabbatical

By the *Rev. Donald E. Mayer, Eagle Harbor Congregational Church, Winslow, WA*

Our nine-week sabbatical time in India was beautiful and awful, at once the most wonderful weeks in our lives and the most difficult. . . . Invariably on the wonderful side, however, was our experience of the church in India. Six of our nine weeks were connected with the UCBWM following contacts made through the UCC *Calendar of Prayer*.

Within days of arrival we were seeing dramatically illustrated all those word pictures Jesus used about the realm of God and people of God: light in the darkness, yeast in the loaf, mustard seed miracles, life over the powers of death, liberation from all that would cripple, demean and dishonor human life.

Loving homes for abandoned children, hostels and vocational schools for unwanted girls, homes for abandoned aged, rehabilitation centers, computer skills for the disabled, the best schools and colleges in India, desperately needed medical centers offering the finest in total patient care, outreach vaccination programs for children of back country "tribals"—illustrated "good news" in countless editions.

Everywhere it was exciting and inspiring to hear comments from our hosts and see plaques on walls indicating gifts from Our Church's Wider Mission, or from some Conference, congregation or individual. OCWM dollars at work indeed!

Mixed with the sound of a tropical thunderstorm, our tape caught our joy as we reviewed one fabulous day in Trivandrum, Kerala, with faculty and administrators of the United Theological Seminary. It was on that day at 4:55 p.m. that the people of Kerala joined hands for five minutes in a human chain from the southern tip of India to the northern border of Kerala—700 kilometers—as a demonstration of unity with diversity, in contrast to communal strife elsewhere.

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The Church of South India in Kerala (where St. Thomas brought the gospel to Jewish communities in 62 A.D.) is growing at the rate of one new congregation every month! OCWM supported the training of 16 evangelists last year to help meet the needs of this growing church. The seminary trains missionaries to work in other parts of India. But no new students were accepted this year because the facilities are absolutely filled.

"What are the priorities of this diocese?" we asked Bishop Samuel Amirtham. "Justice issues," he replied, "working with former untouchables, the poor in every community, and working to free women from abuse."

From lush Kerala with its churches in every town, we trained, rickshawed and jeeped to Khariar in barren western Orissa, where Dr. Manfred Laun and his wife Gerda were closing out 33 years. Manfred is director of the only well-equipped hospital serving an area with a million people—a thriving facility in spite of its extremely arduous setting, with constant power outages and water shortages and, in recent years, a good bit of government harrassment. In contrast to the hospitality of Kerala, in Orissa the state has outlawed "conversions."

On to Holy Week services at St. Paul's Church, Raipur, with a thousand or more packing the sanctuary for a three-hour Maundy Thursday communion, more for Good Friday, and twice as many for Easter sunrise, with half the congregation seated outside. But this is a place where Christians also feel tension with the rising Hindu nationalism.

Everywhere we found people who went out of their way to extend kindness to us strangers. And we came home more convinced than ever that the hope of the world is in those who are committed to living out that caring Spirit we Christians see in Jesus (whether or not they happen to pledge allegiance to that name). And finally, we came home thankful that we belong to a church family with a global vision of ministry, working in partnership with indigenous churches, open to the wisdom and the gifts of their own unique experience in Christian mission.

CHRONICLE

(**Note:** Unless otherwise specified, all appointments are made jointly with the Disciples. For further information concerning overseas positions, contact the Mission Personnel Office, 222 S. Downey Ave., P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206.)

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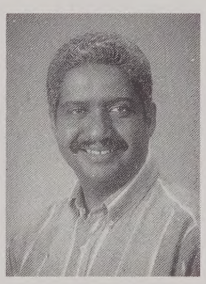
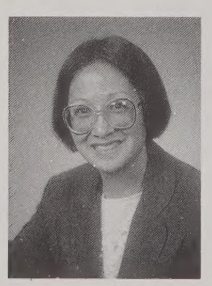


HAITI: Félix and María Ortiz, Regular, four years beginning June 1, 1994, at the request of the National Spiritual Council of Churches of Haiti (CONASPEH) to serve as program (Félix) and administrative (María) consultants for self-help and service projects. Started in 1991, CONASPEH has more than 85 churches. Its main objective is to seek unity, especially among the poorest Haitian churches which are not represented in traditional interdenominational structures. The Ortizes formerly worked in similar capacities for the Disciples in Puerto Rico in a national program for the development of ministerial leadership, and then with the Disciples' Developmental Committee of Haiti. They are members of the Hato Tejas Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Bayamón, Puerto Rico.



HONG KONG: Judy C. Chan, Regular, four years beginning July 1, 1994, at the invitation of the Hong Kong Christian Council, where she will serve as an assistant in the general secretary's office, responsible for staff development beyond 1997, public relations with non-Chinese speaking international churches, English publication and correspondence and coordination of the Council's programs in youth and women's ministries. She is appointed jointly with the Disciples and the Presbyterian Church (USA), and is a member of the Colesville Presbyterian Church, Silver Spring, MD.

HONG KONG: W. Benjamin and Carolyn Whitehill, Volunteers, three months which began March 1, 1994, at the request of the Church of Christ in China, Hong Kong Council, where he is assigned as a medical doctor at Haven of Hope Hospital and she is engaged in social work.

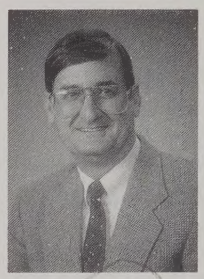
JAPAN: Marilyn A. Baney, Regular, three years beginning April 1, 1994, at the invitation of the Council of Cooperative Mission, while she serves as an English teacher at Kobe College, Nishinomiya. She is a member of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, Muncie, IN.

JAPAN: Marian Ziebell, Associate, six months beginning March 1, 1994, while she teaches English at the Good Neighbor Center, Morioka.

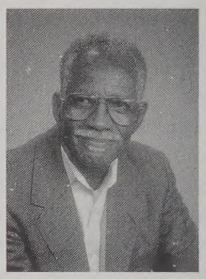
KAZAKHSTAN: Kenneth Henderson and Christine Woods-Henderson, Associates who began January 15, 1994, at the invitation of the Revival Mission (Baptist) of Kazakhstan, under appointment of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Hendersons are serving as Mission Co-Workers in the ministries of Witness and Evangelism in Almaty (formerly Alma Ata) Kazakhstan, Commonwealth of Independent States (formerly the U.S.S.R.). This is a joint recognition with the Disciples. (See "Around the Region" column, page 3.)

NICARAGUA: Jorge L. Bardeguez, Regular, three years beginning April 1, 1994, at the invitation of the Christian Mission of Nicaragua, where he will teach at the Ecumenical Evangelical Theological Faculty, design and coordinate a theological education program for laity, and lead a research project on the history of the Christian Mission, a grassroots Pentecostal church with more than 20 congregations ministering in all Nicaragua's provinces. A church with a deep social concern and commitment, the church has experienced significant growth in recent years. He previously served with the UCBWM as a Protestant theological researcher at the Valdivieso Ecumenical Center in Managua, Nicaragua. Bardeguez is a member of the Evangelical United Church of Puerto Rico, UCC.

SOUTH AFRICA: Michael M. Perkins, Associate, while he serves as an English teacher under the sponsorship of Harvard University. This is a joint recognition with the Disciples.



TAIWAN: Don and Nancy Pittman, Regular, four years beginning June 15, 1994, at the invitation of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan to serve as teachers at Tainan Theological College and Seminary. Don will serve as an associate professor and Nancy as a lecturer. They are members of the South Hills Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Fort Worth, TX.



ZIMBABWE: Joseph W. Joyner, Volunteer, one year beginning August 30, 1994, at the invitation of Chikore Hospital of the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe while he serves as resident physician. He is a member of Santa Sophia Catholic Church, Spring Valley, CA.

REAPPOINTMENTS

Elizabeth (Betsy) and L.L. (Jim) Lehman, Regular, four years beginning April 1, 1994, while Jim serves at Woodstock School, Mussoorie, India, as director of counseling. Betsy has been seconded by Woodstock to serve as a public health consultant with the Christian Medical Association of India and other related organizations.

Michael and Ruth Lockwood, Regular, three years beginning July 1, 1994, at the invitation of Madras Christian College, where Michael will continue serving as a professor of philosophy. Ruth will be seconded by the college to the SOS Village Program in Madras.

Donald S. Persons, Regular, four years at the request of the Church of Christ in Thailand, while he serves with the Lamp of Thailand, providing Bible study correspondence courses to persons in prison and in non-Christian schools. Donald previously served with the UCBWM as a congregational enabler, based in Chiang Mai. His current appointment is made jointly with the Disciples and the Presbyterian Church (USA).

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Bruce E. Van Voorhis, Regular, four years beginning April 1, 1994, at the request of the Christian Conference of Asia to serve another term editing and writing with the Documentation for Action Groups in Asia, in Hong Kong.

HOME ASSIGNMENT

Susan M. Adams, Japan, five months beginning April 1, 1994.

Cerina and Richard Blakney, Turkey, two and one-half months beginning June 16, 1994.

Carol A. Garn, Turkey, one month beginning July 1, 1994.

Audrey N. Gilg, Japan, two months beginning August 1, 1994.

Michael and Ruth Lockwood, India, two months beginning May 1, 1994.

Casilda E. Luzares, Japan, six months beginning Sept. 1, 1994.

Robert G. Porter, Sri Lanka, four months beginning Sept. 1, 1994.

RETIREMENT

Geraldine L. Abbott, Southern Rhodesia, Zambia, Turkey and Zimbabwe, as of Jan. 31, 1994.

LOSSES TO THE FAMILY

Harold N. Auler, Sr., 100, who served 44 years in Honduras, Ecuador and Mexico, died Oct. 1, 1993, in Penney Farms, FL. In 1993, at the age of 100, he was the oldest living alumnus of Eden Theological Seminary and had celebrated the 75th anniversary of his ordination.

He and his first wife Louise began their ministry in 1918 in inner-city St. Louis, where he directed the Caroline Mission settlement house and congregation. In 1921 they were appointed by the Board of International Missions to Honduras, where they served until 1959. When the Aulers finished their first tour in Honduras (39 years) they left behind local partners to guide the Evangelical & Reformed Synod of Honduras, which they helped form. The Aulers then served in Ecuador for two years, returned to Honduras briefly and finally served in Mexico until retirement. They settled in Los Angeles, where Mrs. Auler died in 1966. Harold later married Millie Swanson, who died in 1978. His final years were spent with his third wife, also named Louise, who died shortly after his death.

He held a BS from Elmhurst College and both a Bachelor's and Master's of Divinity from Eden. He is survived by his son Harold Jr., of Asheboro, NC.

Mildred Fitts, of Brewster, MA, formerly Associate Treasurer of the UCBWM, died Feb. 9, 1994, at the age of 87. She worked in the New York Office for eight years in the 1960's.

Walter H. Judd, 96, who served 13 years in China and 20 years in the U.S. House of Representatives (1942 to 1962), died in February 1994. He first served in China in 1925 at the Foochow Mission, then at Shaowu Mission. In 1932 he was transferred to the North China Mission. Leaving China in 1938, he and his wife Miriam and their three daughters returned to the U.S., where he gave 1,400 speeches in two years warning of Japanese expansionist policies and urging the U.S. to stop sending raw materials for potential war use to Japan.

While in Congress, Dr. Judd helped create the World Health Organization and the International Children's Emergency Fund. Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1981 by Ronald Reagan, Judd was the recipient of honorary degrees from 20 universities and colleges. He promoted foreign aid as "the way to get the most security for the least cost," and assistance to refugees from Iron Curtain countries. He was voted by House colleagues as one of its five most influential members, and by Republican legislators as the "most admired" Congressman. A native of Rising City, NE, he held an AB from the University of Nebraska and a medical degree from that school's College of Medicine.

Forrest Musser, who served in Turkey from 1964 to 1967, died Jan. 14, 1994.

May Muenzenmayer Roberts, 92, died March 21, 1994, at Claremont, CA. She served 27 years in Japan. She first went to Tokyo with her late husband Floyd in 1929 to study Japanese, then on to Nagoya where Floyd was involved in evangelistic work and May looked after the couple's three children, worked with church women's groups and helped in the weekday church, the House of Neighborly Love, founded by Floyd. Due to wartime tensions the Roberts family returned to the U.S. in late 1940. Floyd then pastored the South Congregational Church in Pittsfield, MA. In 1950 the couple was in a car-train accident which killed Floyd and severely injured May.

After her recuperation she spent some time as an administrator at Northfield School for Girls in Northfield, MA, then returned to Japan—this time to Kobe College in Nishinomiya where she taught English, served on the college's religious committee, board of trustees, college council and as a representative of the Kobe College Corporation. She was also an active member of the Kobe Union Church and served on the board of the Canadian Academy in Kobe.

May held a BA in math and English from Baker University, and did further study at both the Yale University Graduate School of Education and the American University Language Center in Washington, D.C. She is survived by a daughter Ruth Ann Krauss, of Newark, DE, and son John of Scottsville, VA.

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Ruth Hofsteter
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Mary E. Wells Fellowship

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George S. Grove
Patricia J. Allen Morgan
Lucille H. Parker
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Russell

Beryl V. Masters
Patricia J. Allen Morgan

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Robert D. Porter
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Janet Eberman

UCBWM partner celebrates 40th

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Today the Mission is supported by 39 church-related organizations from 16 countries. Volunteer professionals from the worldwide Christian community work with more than 2,500 Nepalis in 35 different health, education and development projects.

A 19-minute video "Many Strings One Child" presents the universal church working in partnership to demonstrate the love and hope of the gospel. It is available from the Mennonite Board of Missions, Box 370, Elkhart, IN 46515-0370.

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attendance of 150, still doesn't have a damage total. They have, however, had an "incredible response" from churches in the Florida Conference. Northridge was a new church start in the late 1950's. The founding pastor was Chuck Burns, now the Florida Conference Minister. On Palm Sunday, Brown said, Burns showed up to tell what outside help had meant to Florida churches after Hurricane Andrew, and presented the congregation with a check for almost $40,000.

". . . frequently something no one else can help with."

Some offers of help have had to be turned down. "Helping hands are wonderful, but when it isn't mud and water to clean up—but broken buildings—it's frequently something no one else can help with," Brown explained.

Knowing tragedy, the Northridge congregation was moved to share the pain of the United Methodist Church in Alabama that experienced death and destruction during a recent tornado. Northridge has called the Alabama church, and sent gifts, addresses and information.

Brown said Northridge has experienced "incredible support" from notes, cards and letters nationwide. Cohen has assembled a collection of "love notes. Cards from children in Minnesota, good wishes from an elderly retired clergy couple and other messages have just been extremely valuable."

Members are encouraged to participate in classes dealing with stress and loss. Brown said one woman who had to abandon her damaged home called her family together "to bless the memories there."

The Lord's Prayer

By the African Fellowship of the Union Church of Istanbul

Istanbul, Turkey, is one place where refugees from all over the world have congregated. In 1992 the demand on the few Christian churches and relief organizations there had become so intense that some groups—including the UCBWM—banded together to form the Istanbul Interparish Migrants Program. One of the benefactor groups of this refugee ministry supported by the UCBWM is the African Fellowship of the Union Church of Istanbul, whose members paraphrased this version of the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven: You are in Istanbul, in our flats and hotels, in Taksim and Beyoglu. You are within us and with us and in our homes. You are in Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas. In (the former) Yugoslavia and Russia. You are with the hungry and dying children in Somalia. Also in Liberia, Bosnia, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Kuwait and Iraq.

Hallowed be thy name: Hallowed in the memory of Paul of Tarsus, Martin Luther King Jr., Bishop Shanahan in Nigeria, Bishop Lumbuin of Uganda, Pastor Joseph Ayo Babalola in Nigeria, Dr. Ida Scudder of India, Florence Nightingale, David Livingston of Africa and our parents and grandparents who taught us our faith. And hallowed in the lives of Desmond Tutu of South Africa, Billy Graham of the U.S., Benson Isahosa of Nigeria and Mother Teresa of Bombay.

Thy Kingdom come: A kingdom without police harrassment, "accidents," soldiers, murder and crime. A kingdom of freedom and justice. A kingdom with no borders and only one language. A kingdom with Christ prevailing and equal rights. A kingdom with one family, one faith. A kingdom with harmony between humans and nature.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven: In a creation free from pollution—with clean air, clean water and safe food. In our homes and in our lives. With hope and faith in God's will that our world will be free of war, hunger and poverty.

Give us this day our daily bread: The bread of compassion in word and deed. The bread of protection from evil and injury and guidance in the way we go. Give us the bread of goodness and prosperity to share with others to bring them to Christ. The bread of patience and endurance. The bread of unity to make us one nation, one people, one destiny.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us: Forgive our selfishness and our greed. Our faithlessness and pride. That you will treat us as we treat others. Help us to forgive and give us the grace to forgive and let go. Help us to fulfill our debts.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: the temptation of self-righteousness. Keep us away from the occasions of sin. Keep us from false use of our tongues and from unnecessarily opening our mouths or inappropriate silence. Save us from the evils of starvation, war and all injustice. And help us do good to our neighbor as we would have God do to us.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. A kingdom of the merciful. Where there is love not hate, peace not war. A kingdom without pain, hunger or sorrow. A kingdom where there is food without money. A kingdom where no one would be unemployed. A kingdom where every man and every woman live in equality. And where all creatures respect each other, living in harmony and life eternal. A kingdom where God has the power and the control. Where God has created us with the power to choose good. Where Thine is the glory, not ours, but Thine. Forever and ever. Amen.